

Liberia and Olympism

LIBERIA

111,370 sq. km.
1,750,000 inhabitants.



LIBERIAN OLYMPIC GAMES ASSOCIATION (LOGA)

Recognised by the IOC in 1955.

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Role of the LOGA

- To ensure Liberia's readiness to participate regularly in the Olympic Games.
- To encourage the organisation of amateur sport competitions with the ideals of the Olympic Games.
- To promote friendship between sportsmen of Liberia and other countries.

Creation

Following a lengthy exchange of correspondence with the Liberian embassies in Paris and London, the LOGA was recognised by the IOC in June 1955. Contact was subsequently established with the National Olympic Committee located in Monrovia, and the country was thus able to take part in the Games of the XVth Olympiad in Melbourne.

First Board of the LOGA

PT: Frank O. Roberts ; *VPTs*: Lucille P. Railey, F.C. Lokko; *Set*: Nathaniel Gibson Sr. ; *T*: Charles B. Roberts.

Successive Presidents of the LOGA

1955-1971 : Frank O. Roberts.
1971-1978 : Joseph J.F. Chesson.
1978-1981 : J. Bernard Estrada.
Since 1981 : Fred J. Blay*.

LIBERIA AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- **Date of first participation** : 1956.

- **Representation of Liberia at the Olympic Games**

	Athletics	Judo	Swimming	Total
1956	4	●	-	4
1960	4	●	-	4
1964	1	0	-	1
1968	-	●	-	0
1972	6	-	-	6
1976	-	1	1	2
1980	7	-	-	7

- Not included on the programme.

To date, no female athletes have been a part of Liberian Olympic delegation.

PRESENT ORGANISATION OF THE LOGA

- *The present statutes were adopted on 16th December 1975.*

- *Composition*

Membership on the LOGA is open to any person, federation or association desiring to further the development of sport in accordance with the Olympic ideals, each federation or association being entitled to two representatives and one vote at general meetings. The NOC's statutes also contain a provision for honorary memberships.

- *The General Assembly*, the supreme organ of the Association, holds quarterly meetings.

- *The Board of Directors*, composed of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a General Secretary and two advisers, all elected for a four-year term, meets once a month to direct the affairs of the Association.

- **Present Members of the Board of Directors**

PT: M. Fred J. Blay ; *VPTs* : S. Weaka Peters ; *SG*: Marcel E. Bertin ; *T*: Christian King ; *Membres*: James Davis, Oscar Tankee. Lawrence Doe.

- **Federations affiliated to the LOGA**

Federation	IF affiliation
Athletics	1960
Basketball	1947
Boxing	1978
Football	1964
Volleyball	1978

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Lieutenant-Colonel Fred J. Blay

President of LOGA since 1981.



Born on 12th June 1941 in Murraysville. A graduate of the University of Liberia in 1963 who then began a military career, he has since been Director of sports of the Liberian Army (1969-1973). Director General Youth, then Minister of Labour Youth and Sports.

Marcel J. Bertin

Secretary General of LOGA since 1976.



Born on 16th June 1926 Director of Sports of the University of Liberia (1961-1964). International Football Referee (1962-1977). Chairman of the Referee Committee (1966-1976) and Chairman of the Liberian Football Association" (1960-1981).